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LETTER DATED 24 SEPTEMBER 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit the following message from His Excellency Mr. Pedro de Castro Van-Dunem "Loy", Minister of External Relations, for your attention, with the request that it be circulated as a document of the United Nations Security Council.

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Annex

Letter dated 22 September 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Angola addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the high honour to inform you that as was in due time announced, the Angolan Government maintains altered dates officially set for the holding of the first presidential and legislative elections in my country.

Eighteen parties, in coalition or individually, and 11 candidates to the Presidentials are running for the elections, all legally screened by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Angola, the only body with competence to act to that effect.

Judging from the number of candidates to the presidential elections and given that it is an exercise in which the Angolan people do not have much experience, it is likely that we consider the hypothesis of an eventual second electoral round in case there is no winning candidate in the primary. If that happens, it will imply a delay in the period until now estimated for election activities, for all the bodies and organizations involved in the materialization of the Bicesse Accords. If that happens, as it seems to us, we can easily conclude that the future Government and Parliament will be established later than has been planned.

In view of this uncertainty, and in order to ensure a proper international assistance and monitoring of the present process in its whole, on behalf of the Angolan Government, I have the high honour to formalize before Your Excellency our request for an extension of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM II) activity until 31 December 1992, the date that my Government believes to be reasonable for the conclusion of the whole process of democratization under way in the Republic of Angola.

Looking forward to your attention as usual to the process under way in the Republic of Angola.

(Signed) Pedro de Castro VAN-DUNEM "LOY"
Minister of External Relations